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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY IN GOL
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND PETROLEUM

1. MR. FAWZI ABU DIAB, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY IN THE
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND PETROLEUM PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON
FROM MARCH 28 TO APRIL 3. ABU DIAB HOLDS SECOND POST IN MINISTRY
AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, HAVING LIVED A NUMBER OF YEARS IN
THE UNITED STATES AND RECEIVED UNIVERSITY DEGREES THERE, INCLUDING
DOCORATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE WILL BE RETURNING FROM A CON-
FERENCE IN PERU. ORIGINALLY IT HAD BEEN HOPED TO ARRANGE AN
OFFICIALLY SPONSORED VISIT TO WASHINGTON, BUT THIS DID NOT WORK OUT.

2. WHILE IN WASHINGTON ABU DIAB WILL CONTACT THE FOLLOWING
PERSONS (WE HAVE GIVEN HIM THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS) FOR MEETINGS
WITH THEM AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONS AS IS DEEMED ADVISABLE:

A. DAVID KORN, DIRECTOR NEA/ARN

B. DR. CHARLES HOSTLER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BIC,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. (ABU DIAB STATED HE WOULD ALSO
LIKE APPOINTMENT WITH UNDER SECRETARY TABOR, WHOM HE MET
RECENTLY IN BEIRUT).

C. VICE PRESIDENT RUTHERFORD POATS OF OPIC.

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3. ABU DIAB IS DRUZE AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH KAMAL JUMBLATT
THE SOCIALIST LEADER. HE IS NEVERTHELESS FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED
STATES AND MAINTAINS AN OPEN MIND ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. HIS
IMPORTANCE HAS BEEN RECENTLY INCREASED BY BEING NAMED CHAIRMAN
OF A GROUP THAT WILL STUDY THE ENTIRE PROBLEM OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT
IN LEBANON. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT APPROPRIATE
COURTESIES BE EXTENDED.
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